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CORRENT.

Six of the leading white lead manufacturing corporations of New York have consolidated, so as to collect in full the bounty they are authorized to collect by the Republican tariff.

If the government wants revenue from cigar wrappers, let the internal revenue taxes be increased. The tariff prohibition of competition with Connecticut wrappers is taxation for monopoly only.

The Gallup B.A. announces that the party that recently went into the Navajo Reservation in search of the "Adams Diggings" has been brought back to Gallup by the detachment of troops that was sent after them.

The Las Vegas Optic very nonchalantly remarks that "the people of New Mexico will be pleased to learn that Geo. W. Fritchard of Las Vegas will not be a candidate for any office this year." It is immaterial, anyway.

Helena, the capital city of Montana, has swung into blue and given a Democratic victory. So much for the unconstitutional and revolutionary action of the Republicans of the Senate in assuming the right to elect Senators for a State.

The Postoffice Department makes haste to assure the public that the sticky stuff on the new postage stamp, which every one who writes letters has to lick, is clean and harmless. That is more than can be said of the heads of the Department. They will also be duly "licked" in a couple of years.

The editor of the Las Cruces Republican complains that he is unable to comprehend a recent editorial article in the HEADLIGHT on the statehood question. That is sad, but it is his misfortune. Several other Republican editors in the Territory have been knocked silly by monkeying with that statehood buzz saw.

Many Kansas people in New Mexico will be pleased to learn that Prof. F. H. Snow, who has been a Professor of considerable distinction in the Kansas State University for more than twenty years, has been elected Chancellor of that institution and director of the museum of natural history, at a salary of \$4,000 a year.

Republicans argue that the Kansas cornburners must diversify their crops in order to be prosperous. A vastly better thing would be to diversify their ballots. They have been "cumulating" their ballots for tariff for protection for now twenty years, and in that time have "cumulated" a great store of appendices, and so far, unprofitable experience therefrom.

A curious story is in circulation that Mrs. President Harrison and Mrs. Blocks-of-Five Dudley met at a fashionable shopping place in Washington, the other day, when the advances of Mrs. Harrison were rudely repulsed by Mrs. Dudley, with the assurance that Mrs. Harrison was a total stranger to her. The difficulty of course originated between the men—Dudley seeming to feel that Harrison owed him something for electing him, and Harrison seeming to feel that whatever he owed Dudley had been fully liquidated by keeping him out of jail. Each seems to have a very correct diagnosis of the other's case. Both are eminently correct.

Some of the immediate statehood papers of the Territory not long ago attempted to account for the abandonment of Fort Selden, and at the same time make an argument for their pet nobly, by suggesting that if New Mexico were a State, with two Senators and a Representative in Congress, that would not have been done. But now the states of Colorado, Montana and Arkansas, are called upon to give up several garrisons, as well as New Mexico. The abandonment of these posts in states seems to knock the bottom out of their argument, if it ever had any. A good many of their arguments in behalf of immediate statehood are very much like this one, and the bottom of all of them is being gradually but remorselessly knocked out.

TERRITORIAL EXPENSES.

The following is the substance of an article in the New Mexican, stripped of the usual and characteristic vagaries incident to that paper's method of discussing mooted public questions, and echoed by its few Republican imitators:

Under the Ross bondie Democratic administration the expense of this territory per year amounted to about \$300,000. During the first year of the Republican administration from March 4, 1889, to March 4, 1890, they amounted to \$176,000. The question now arises: From 1889 to 1890 who did the stealing?

Let us see. Under the "Ross bondie Democratic administration" the Legislature, the Governor, the House, and the Territorial Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General were all Republicans. The entire Legislative and Executive force of the Territory, except the Governor, was in the hands of the Republican party and under the absolute control of the Republican leaders.

The Republican Legislature of 1884 had ordered the erection of a penitentiary building at a cost of \$150,000. An investigation of this matter was made by the Democratic Governor, in which he clearly proved and forced the Republican Legislature of 1887 to officially admit, that in its construction the Territory had been robbed of \$70,000. That report is on file among the archives of the Territory. Yet that Legislature refused to permit the Governor to remove the man who was most directly responsible for that robbery. The New Mexican had nothing to say about that, in criticism or otherwise. How much did the New Mexican realize out of that robbery in payment for its silence?

The Republican Legislature of 1884 decreed that upon the completion of the Penitentiary building, the convicts, who were then kept at the Kansas State Penitentiary at a cost of some six or seven thousand dollars a year, all told, should be brought to the New Mexico Penitentiary, where they were to be kept in comparative idleness at a cost of some forty thousand dollars a year.

All this, and all other expenses of the Territory had to be paid in depreciated warrants, that depreciation ranging from twenty-five to thirty-five cents on the dollar. This added practically one-third to the expenses of the Territory, though they were even then largely under the sum stated by the New Mexican.

Did the New Mexican then have any criticism to make of this state of affairs? Not a word. Somebody was making too much money out of it to make any fuss. How much did the New Mexican get out of that boodler?

At the meeting of the 27th Legislature, the first session under the Democratic administration, the Democratic Governor, as will be seen by turning to the Journals of that Legislature, very earnestly urged the passage of several bills for the correction of this state of things, conspicuous among them a Finance Bill, which should require that the funds of the Territory should be systematized and classified—that specific appropriations should be made for all expenditures—that no warrants should issue for moneys not at the time in the Treasury—in a word, to abolish the slip shod methods, and warrant backwatering and robbery by the collusion of officials, that had so long characterized the administration of the public finances and adding every year to the public debt.

Every measure recommended to this end by the Democratic Governor was defeated by that Legislature, and the Territorial credit, which had appreciated some twenty cents on the dollar in the expectation of the adoption of at least some of the measures recommended by the Democratic Governor, immediately went down again to a one-third discount. The action and non-action of that Legislature added more than two hundred thousand dollars to the public debt.

Did the New Mexican have any thing to say then about the extraordinary expenses of the Territory and the criminal conduct of that

Legislature? Not a word. How much did the New Mexican get for its silence?

At the assembling of the 28th Legislature, 1889, the Governor sent in a special message from which the following is an extract:

The financial condition of the Territory, as shown by the report of the Auditor and Treasurer, is not of a satisfactory character, and illustrates in a most forcible manner the need of radical reform in financial legislation and administration.

At the convening of the 27th Legislative Assembly, Dec. 23rd, 1889, the funded debt of the Territory was \$207,000 and the amount of outstanding warrants or floating debt, was \$302,117.25, making a total indebtedness of \$509,117.25. Since that date, under the operation of the legislation and failure of legislation, of that session, the public debt has increased to \$740,192. Showing an increase in the public debt, in two years, of \$231,074.00.

The face value of warrants issued during the same time was \$512,102.52, and the cash receipts of the treasury, (general funds), \$237,102.75, leaving a deficit of \$125,000.00.

The cost of maintaining the courts, or judicial system of the Territory, for the past two years, has been \$427,566.20.

The excessive fee bills, jury expenditures and increase of salaries created by the last Legislative Assembly, while responsible in large part for this enormous increase in the public debt, are by no means the sole cause of that increase.

The average of 25 per cent. discount on treasury warrants, which correspondingly increased the cost of all purchases by the Territory, also added materially to this increase in expenses.

Also the following, from the general message of the Democratic Governor to that Legislature:

I take the liberty of repeating my recommendation to the last Legislature in behalf of the early enactment of laws for the establishment of a coherent financial or revenue system whereby taxation shall be made more uniform and collection imperative, the revenue shall be collected, and provision made whereby the expenses of the Territory may be paid in cash instead of depreciated warrants, and the cost of government thus greatly reduced. As essential features of such a system I respectfully recommend:

1. Classify the public expenditures and create a special fund for each purpose for which the public moneys are to be expended, and make specific appropriations therefor, prohibiting under proper penalties the diversion of the moneys appropriated for any one purpose to the payment of the expenses of another, at the same time increasing upon every act making an appropriation, a clause requiring the levy of a specific tax sufficient for the payment of such appropriation; that every treasury warrant specify the fund upon which it is drawn—the name of the person to whom it is issued—the amount of the appropriation for that fund, and the amount of the tax levied for the payment of that appropriation. By that method every warrant will carry upon its face the specific character of the obligation, and the fact that the moneys have been provided in advance for its payment.

After having urged these measures of reform in our financial administration upon two successive sessions of the Legislature, the last one was fairly shamed into their partial adoption, and the present Finance Act was passed.

Several of the extravagant measures of the 27th Legislature were repealed and the scrip of the Territory went immediately to par, and the New Mexican immediately begins the jumping-jack role—shouting "We did it! We did it!" But still the expenses of the Territory are \$176,000 a year. Under the Finance Bill there is no good reason for their being that much. It ought not to cost more than two-thirds of that amount to run a government of 175,000 people, and would not with honest administration. Who gets his "divvy" out of the other fifty thousand? Can the New Mexican tell?

Under the operation of the Finance Bill the expenses of the Territory ought not to be more than one-half what they were before. Relieved from the excessive salary and fee bills of the 27th Legislature, they ought to be still less.

The "Ross bondie Democratic administration" knocked the New Mexican out of a very ingeniously devised fifteen thousand dollar immigration steal with its little veto—and "that's what's the matter" with the escaped convict. He is the secretary of the Immigration Bureau and would have had the handling of that fifteen thousand dollars.

He had been tried and convicted of a financial crime by a jury of his peers and assessed to a fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary, and was not deemed a proper person to handle public funds, especially under a bill that was apparently drawn with the intent that he should be the sole beneficiary of the appropriation.

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Between two and three o'clock, on Monday morning, two misguided men made a desperate assault upon the safe of George W. Knebel. Cold-chisel and other tools of iron and steel were used and the safe was shamefully mutilated, but when the amateur burglars became fully conscious that their capricious scheme had been discovered they flew like birds of passage, over adobe walls and barbed-wire fences, and at last accounts were entrenched on the lona above District Attorney Twichell's palatial residence. Knebel doesn't care much about the wounds inflicted upon his beautifully painted new safe, but in the name of all the deep-water Baptist saints, he would like to know what the fellows expected to find inside his safe to reward them for the sweat they squandered so lavishly.

GENEAL LAND GRANT TALK.

To a certainty, this question will be the near future be settled and there will be a strong light made by the "Land Grant Bill" in this territory to gobble up and under elastic land grants and claims that have no foundation other than trumped up by the ring. Congress cannot be too careful in this matter, it is one of vital importance to thousands of settlers, these grants should be confirmed where they are valid, but not one acre should be given where there is a question as to their validity, and they should not be allowed to spread over the whole country as many of them are now claimed and will be done, if care is not taken in preparing the bill for their settlement.

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST.

Hon. Mariano S. Otero, the princely sheep proprietor and Republican boss of Bernalillo county, who was handsomely defeated for delegate to congress two years ago by Hon. Antonio Joseph, is drifting around among the local statesmen of Santa Fe dispensing bland smiles with reckless freedom. He favors the repeal of the anti-trust law, and the Republican constitution, because he would most awfully like to be Judge Catron's campfire in the United States senate, Santa Fe.

The affairs of the territory were never better handled than while they were under the democratic administration of Gov. Ross, the noblest saint of honest western Democracy.—(Finn Altes Almer.)

The Rocky Mountain News is again triumphant. Many weeks ago that fearless and aggressive journal published out substantial reasons why Wolfe Loundner held a fraudulent certificate as mayor of Denver. For sometime the discussion of the subject was confined to the newspapers, but the News finally forced Loundner into the courts. A prominent trial before Judge Allen ensued and the court has decided that Loundner was not lawfully elected mayor and has ordered the entering of a writ of quare return with costs to be taxed against the defendant.

A terrible plague has swept over a large section of southern Russia. Millions of human beings, such numbers as to be irretrievable have overrun those provinces and are passing northward. They have ruined cultivated fields, completely gutted granaries and wheat stacks and killed and eaten several hundred dogs. They swim rivers and climb mountains and these come to be no way either of exterminating them or of arresting their progress.

One of the most significant of last week's elections was that held in Albany, N. Y. The Democratic candidate for Mayor was Mr. James H. Manning, son of President Cleveland's Secretary of the Treasury, and the same man whom Gov. Hill endeavored to punish by taking the State printing from his paper, the Argus, and forcing his withdrawal from the State Civil Service Commission. His nomination was without doubt intended to measure the strength of the anti-Hill sentiment in a place where it would naturally be expected to be strongest, and his election by the unprecedented majority of over 7,000, showing a Democratic gain in two years of more than 4,000, affords conclusive proof not only of the growth of Democratic strength in New York State, but of the fact that the tide is out flowing towards Gov. Hill.

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